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In re Application of

Koji YAMADA et al.

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR RECOVERING PLATINUM GROUP
ELEMENTS (AS AMENDED)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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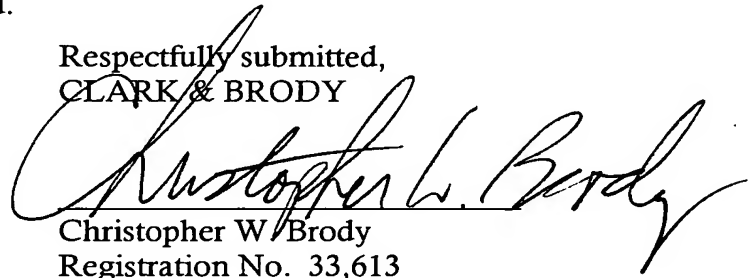
Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

Japanese Patent Application Nos. 4-317423 and 2000-248322A are described in the specification, beginning on page 1, last paragraph, and this satisfies the concise explanation of a non-English reference required by 37 CFR 1.98 (a)(3)(i).

Applicants respectfully submit that this disclosure is being made with the filing of the application, therefore, no fee is required.

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	<u>TRANSLATION</u>		
							YES	NO	PART.
	1.	4-317423	11/09/1992	JAPAN	Described on page one of specification			X	
	2.	2000-248322	09/12/2000	JAPAN	Described on page one of specification			X	
	3.	2002-30357	01/31/2002	JAPAN	Cited in International Search Report			X	
	4.	8-325649	12/10/1996	JAPAN	Cited in International Search Report			X	
	5.	7-243080	09/19/1995	JAPAN	Cited in International Search Report			X	

OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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